

**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II 2015 -16**  
**ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE**  
**Class - IX**

**Time: 3-3½ hours**

**Maximum Marks: 70**

**Instructions:**

The question paper is divided into **four sections.**

<b>Section A</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>20 marks</b>
<b>Section B</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Writing and Grammar</b>	<b>25 marks</b>
<b>Section C</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Literature</b>	<b>25 marks</b>

**SECTION A**  
**(READING: 20 Marks)**

1 **Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :**

**SCIENCE IN EVERYDAY LIFE**

Science is a great blessing to mankind. Nothing better has happened in the history of man than advent of science in his life. The world into which science came was a world of ignorance, suffering and hardship. Science has come to relieve us of sufferings, to remove our ignorance and to lighten our toil. Science is a very faithful servant of mankind. It serves us in all walks of life. Gone are the days when only the rich could afford luxuries. Science has made them cheaper and brought them within the reach of everybody. It helps in producing goods at large scale. They are sold at cheap rates in every market. Books, music and all other forms of entertainment have been brought to our doors. Radio, Television and Cinema entertain us fully. So the life of a common man is quite different from what it used to be.

It also acts as our most faithful medical attendant. It shows every care for our health. It has helped in curing many diseases. No longer is small-pox, cholera and plague the ravages of mankind. Science has given us the power to kill germs, which spread these diseases. It has worked miracles in the field of education. With the help of great printing presses thousands of books are printed in the twinkling of an eye, thus making the published material easily available and cheap. However, there is other side of picture as well. Science has done greatest disservice to mankind in the field of armament.

The invention of gunpowder which was hailed as an achievement has been used and perfected into a hundred thousand destructive weapons of war. As such, science, meant for man's happiness is employed by man for his own destruction. It is not the fault of science, but the fault of mankind.

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On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions :

**Q. 1. Which of the following is not true for the above passage :**

- a) Science is meant for man's happiness.
- b) It helps in large scale production.
- c) It has done great service in the field of armament.
- d) Diseases are cured with the help of Science.

**Q. 2. Which product invented as an achievement has become destructive ?**

- a) Radio
- b) television
- c) Cinema
- d) gunpowder

**Q. 3. Science helps us in lightening our \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) happiness
- b) hard work
- c) diseases
- d) armament

**Q. 4. With the advent of Science, what kind of things are available at cheaper rates ?**

- a) gunpowder
- b) armament
- c) luxurious goods
- d) books

**Q. 5. MITIGATE is a synonym for \_\_\_\_\_**

- a) Relieve
- b) fault
- c) suffering
- d) toil

2 **Read the following passage carefully :**

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Fear at the time of going for an interview is quite natural, so this is acceptable. However, what is not acceptable is fear morphing into panic, which can diminish a performance in many ways. It is perfectly natural to be a bit nervous before an interview, but there is an element of energy present even in this nervousness and if properly harnessed, this energy can help you to present yourself with agility, passion and conviction. But in order to do so you need to control your nerves in a positive way. Before the interview, you should try to visualize an enthusiastic interviewer, who is reacting positively to your responses. Picture yourself delivering a clear and interesting presentation, admit to yourself that you may be nervous, but you are going to convert your nervousness into positive energy.

We all love to talk about ourselves and are never tired of telling others how we feel, what we think, why we acted the way we did and when we felt stumped or clueless. We are usually full of ourselves, if not obsessed. Remember that interviewers are not your adversaries and

they are not attending the interview in order to pull you apart. Their interest lies in what you have to say and show them about yourself.

**Choose the most appropriate answer from the alternatives given :**

- (a) What can help a candidate to face the interview board confidently ?
- (i) Elements of energy diminishing
  - (ii) Properly harnessed elements of energy
  - (iii) Elements of agility
- (b) Before the interview one should \_\_\_\_\_.
- (i) control the senses
  - (ii) imagine enthusiastic interviewer
  - (iii) freak out
  - (iv) be cool and composed
- (c) A normal human likes to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) talk about social politics
  - (ii) discuss about social issues
  - (iii) talk about ourselves
  - (iv) self obsessed
- (d) Interviewer's interest lies in \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (i) our qualifications
  - (ii) our experience
  - (iii) what we have to say
  - (iv) how we face the interview
- (e) Find the correct synonym for the word 'stumped' from the given options.
- (i) perplexed
  - (ii) enlightened

	(iii) categorical                      (iv) tangible	
3	<p><b>Read the following passage carefully.</b></p> <p>It's like being in another world. Everything is different and seems incredible. Today, my breakfast was made by 'Chef', the food robot. It's job is to decide what my body needs- which vitamins, how much protein, and how much calories my body needs every day. He mixes several ingredients and makes a medicine-like thing that has a peculiar taste. When it is time to get dressed, 'Wardrobe', the clothes robot, chooses what I shall put on. He decides my clothes according to my mood. If I'm sad, he picks bright colours. The weather doesn't matter because the clothes here are made from fabrics that keep one's body at the same temperature all day and night. And you won't believe it! There is no housework here. The house, where I'm staying, is made of glass and plastic. It cleans itself! The clothes don't need to be ironed; they iron themselves. The fridge asks for new supplies when the previous ones have run out. It keeps reminding us when it is time to eat. My new friends here don't need to attend classes at school. They stay at home and learn through computers. They get all the information from the internet, but they miss their friends. They can see them on a big screen but they can't touch or play with them.</p> <p>(1) On the basis of your reading of passage, complete the following statements.</p> <p>(a) The narrator feels that she is in other world as _____.</p> <p>(b) The robot selects the clothes _____.</p> <p>(2) Answer the following questions.</p> <p>(a) What was the specialty of the fabric ?</p> <p>(b) Mention anyone thing the narrator found incredible.</p> <p>(3) Find words from the passage which mean the same as :</p> <p>(a) preceding</p> <p>(b) odd</p>	5
4	<p><b>Read the given poem carefully.</b></p>	5

## VOCATION

When the gong sounds ten in the morning and I walk to school by our lane

Every day I meet the hawker crying, "Bangles, crystal bangles!"

There is nothing to hurry him on, there is no road he must take

No Place he must go to, no time when he must come home.

I wish I were a hawker, spending my day in the road, crying,

"Bangles, crystal bangles!"

When at four in the afternoon I come back from the school

I can see through the gate of that house the gardener digging the ground.

He does what he likes with his spade, he soils his clothes with dust

Nobody takes him to task if he gets baked in the sun or gets wet.

I wish I were a gardener digging away at the garden

With no body to stop me from digging.

Just as it gets dark in the evening and my mother sends me to bed

I can see through my open window the watchman walking up and down.

The lane is dark and lonely, and the street-lamp stands

Like a giant with one red eye in its head.

The watchman swings his lantern and walks with his shadow at his side

And never once goes to bed in his life.

I wish I were a watchman walking in the streets all night

Chasing the shadows with my lantern.

Complete the following sentences :

- (a) Every morning, the poet saw a hawker \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) The hawker was never in a hurry because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) The poet wishes he were a gardener as then he would \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) The street lamp is compared to a giant because it has \_\_\_\_\_.
- (e) The word similar in meaning to 'pursue' in the poem is \_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION B**  
**(WRITING & GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)**

5	Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper in about 120-150 words complaining about poor drainage in the locality during the rainy season.	6
6	Fast food is popular among youngsters nowadays. However it is also a major cause of obesity among them. Write a debate in favour of the motion 'Fast food joints must be closed down' is about 120 words. Value Points : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trend of fast food increasing</li><li>• Delicious but unhealthy</li><li>• How does it affect the children ?</li></ul>	5
7	Nargis recently attended a 'Film Festival on films with a Social Message'. On her return she was asked to write a newspaper report on it. (80-100 words) You may use the following notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Include her experience, chance to meet eminent celebrities of art films like Om Puri, Shabana Azmi, Pankaj Kapoor etc.</li><li>• Importance of films with a local message, especially for the youth of today</li><li>• Need for such films to be released at prominent theatres</li><li>• Tax free tickets to encourage a large section of people to watch them</li></ul>	4

8	<p><b>Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage.</b></p> <p>Makar Sankranti celebrates the transition journey (a) _____ the sun from the Saggitarius to Capricorn (Makar Rashi). This festival is celebrated in various ways (b) _____ many states across India. In Gujarat, people celebrate this occasion by flying kites. In other states, people exchange sweets made (c) _____ jiggery, sesame seeds, and puffed rice.</p> <p>a) (i) with                      (ii) of                      (iii) by                      (iv) towards  b) (i) at                      (ii) over                      (iii) in                      (iv) across  c) (i) by                      (ii) from                      (iii) with                      (iv) of</p>	3
9	<p>In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with word before and after against the correct blank number.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Before    Missing    After</p> <p>Strangely, he started showing up school every day (a) _____ _____ _____  and answered questions posed teachers for the (b) _____ _____ _____  first time. He led second project, collecting three (c) _____ _____ _____  hundred blankets and 1,000 pairs shoes for (d) _____ _____ _____  the homeless shelter.</p>	4
10	<p><b>Look at the words/phrases given below and rearrange these words to form meaningful sentences.</b></p> <p><b>Example: ground/that/Brahmi/herb/a/on/spreads/is</b></p> <p><b>Brahmi is a herb that spreads on ground</b></p> <p>a. Example :                      third/festival/most/Laksmi-puja/day/Diwali/of                      the/  important/of/day/of/is the/ the  b. On/very/enters/sun/day/this/course/second/it's/the.  c. Though/on/amavasya/falls/it/an/it/ as/regarded/auspicious/is</p>	3
<p><b>SECTION C</b>  <b>(LITERATURE: 25 Marks)</b></p>		
11	<p><b>Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:</b></p> <p>I                      touch                      gently                      at                      the                      windows                      with                      my  Soft fingers, and my announcement is a</p>	3

	<p>Welcome song. All can hear, but only The sensitive can understand.</p> <p>(a) How is the arrival of rain announced? (b) Why is it welcomed? (c) What is the difference between hearing and understanding?</p>	
	<b>Answer the questions in about 30 to 40 words each:</b>	
12 (A)	Why did Bill think that Harold would die of shame ?	2
12 (B)	What was John A. Pescud's opinion about his business ?	2
12 (C)	How do you think the song of the rain is the song of the soul.	2
12 (D)	Why are the eyes of justice severe ?	2
13	The Bishop's philanthropic nature is highlighted by his act of selling the saltcellars for Mere Gringoire, giving the candlesticks to the convict and the comforter to Marie. What is your opinion of him as a benefactor ?	4
	<b>OR</b>	
	'I was a man once. I'm a beast now and they made me what I am'. Do you agree that circumstance can convert a human being into an animal ?	4

	<b>Attempt either Part A or Part B</b>	
	<b>Part A</b>	
14 (A)	How does Swift highlight the human irrationality in the fourth part of the voyage ?	5
15 (A)	Write a character portrayal of the Yahoos-the degraded lot of brutes in the part IV of the novel.	5
	<b>Part B</b>	
14 (B)	What duty was given to Harris and Jerome while making the Irish stew ? Did the stew turn out to be a success ?	5
15 (B)	Write the character sketch of Montmorency.	5
	<b>Section-D</b> <b>(Open Text -10 Marks)</b> <b>(* Please ensure that the open text of the given theme is supplied with this question paper)</b>	
16	<b>Theme-I (Information Technology and Values) (5+5)</b> (a) 'Information Technology can be a boon if utilized in the right way and with the right spirit'. Explain. (b) Moral Values are no longer valued by the techno-savvy generation. Give reasons for this observation.	10

**English Communicative (Class – IX)**  
**Solution and Hint**

**SECTION A**  
**(READING: 20 Marks)**

1	Q. 1. c) It has done great service in the field of armament. Q. 2. d) gunpowder Q. 3. b) hard work Q. 4. c) luxurious goods Q. 5. a) mitigate	5
2	(a) (ii) properly harnessed elements of energy (b) (ii) imagine enthusiastic interviewer (c) (iii) talk about ourselves (d) (iii) what we have to say (e) (i) perplexed	5

3	<p>(1) (a) Everything seems different and incredible. (b) According to the mood of the narrator.</p> <p>(2) (a) Fabric kept one's body temperature same throughout the day or night. (b) Clothes were not ironed - they iron themselves.</p> <p>(3) (a) Previous. (b) Peculiar.</p>	5
4	<p>(a) Selling bangles in the lane</p> <p>(b) He does not have a fixed place to go and no fixed time to come home.</p> <p>(c) Be able to dig away in the garden and soil his clothes without any one stopping him.</p> <p>(d) One red eye in his head / has a big red light /big size and appearance</p> <p>(e) Chasing</p>	5
<p><b>SECTION B</b> <b>(WRITING &amp; GRAMMAR: 25 Marks)</b></p>		
5	<p><b>Marking - 6 marks</b> <b>Content - 3</b> <b>Expression - 3</b></p>	6
6	<p><b>Debate :</b> <b>Content - 3</b> <b>Expression - 2</b></p>	5

7	<p><b>Report :</b>  <b>Marking - 4 marks</b>  <b>Content - 2</b>  <b>Expression - 2</b></p>	4																				
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10	<p>(a) The third day of the festival of Diwali is the most important day of Lakshmi Puja.          (b) On this very day the sun enters its second course.          (c) Though it falls on an amavasya, it is regarded as the most auspicious.          (a)</p>	3																				
<p><b>SECTION C</b>  <b>(LITERATURE: 25 Marks)</b></p>																						
11	<p>(a) Tapping gently on windowpanes. Pitter patter.          (b) Brings refreshment, fertility, purity, laughter.          (c) Everyone can hear the pitter patter of raindrops but only the wise and sensitive people can understand its significance and importance.</p>	3																				

Answer the questions in about 30 to 40 words each:		
12 (A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fight with Jimmy Murphy to be reported in the Mail.</li> <li>• His photograph with Murphy.</li> <li>• Harold read the Mail regularly.</li> <li>• All these years his profession was kept a secret, from Harold.</li> <li>• embarrassed of his profession as Harold a child prodigy</li> </ul>	2
12 (B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complacent about his trade</li> <li>• Plate glass – important commodity</li> <li>• When off trade, a man must be courteous and faithful to law in one’s hometown</li> </ul>	2
12 (C)	The poet evokes ethereal images and highlights the purity of rain. It’s a heavenly messenger and understands the pain of all beings. It emerges from the heart of the sea and soars high. It is all pervading, yet meets an end, comes again, is reborn.	2
12 (D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depicting maturity</li> <li>• Depicting wisdom and experience.</li> </ul>	2
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bishop is an ideal benefactor</li> <li>• Silver saltcellars for Mare Grigoire, comforter to Marie and precious candlesticks to the convict-portrays him as an absolute philanthropist</li> </ul>	4

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any individual under the care of a great man like him should consider himself fortunate and blessed.</li> </ul>	
	<b>OR</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The convict stole money to buy food for his bed ridden dying wife.</li> <li>They were going through tough times and he had no option but to steal food for his wife.</li> <li>The punishment was far from being just</li> <li>He was ill treated in the prison</li> </ul>	4
	<b>Attempt either Part A or Part B</b>	
	<b>Part A</b>	
14 (A)	<p>Swift's exposure of human unreason becomes extremely cruel. The satire in this part takes the form of denunciation and invective. Human beings are here degraded by being represented as Yahoos who are unteachable brutes, cunning, gluttonous, and disposed to great mischief. The contrast between the Yahoos and the Houyhnhnms makes the readers develop aversion for the Yahoos. Gulliver indulges in large-scale and sweeping condemnation of his countrymen or the human race. Swift speaks through Gulliver when Gulliver launches an attack upon lawyers, judges, physicians and ministers of state. The economic exploitation, where Gulliver launches an attack upon lawyers, judges, physicians and minister of state is another proof of irrationality of man. It is very apt when Gulliver's master says that, instead of reason, human beings are possessed of some quality fitted to increase their natural vices.</p>	5
15 (A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The land of the Houyhnhnms was inhabited by the horses as the rulers.</li> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Yahoos i.e. mankind acted as their slaves, ready to serve them.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	5

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yahoos act as the caricature of men, with all the good in human beings left out.</li> <li>• • Swift had a an extremely low opinion of mankind in general.</li> <li>• Unlike the Houyhnhnms, they have no control over their population.</li> <li>• They do not represent Swift's view of man ; rather the bestial element in man, the unenlightened, unregenerate, irrational element in human nature.</li> <li>• This is why Houyhnhnms classify Gulliver as Yahoos.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Part B</b>	
14 (B)	<p><b>Value points :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach an Island-decide to make an Irish stew</li> <li>• George gathers wood</li> <li>• Harris and author start peeling potatoes-find it difficult to peel the skin-keep peeling-only a small peanut size potato is left</li> <li>• George advises to scrape-find scraping more difficult than peeling</li> <li>• Scrape only four potatoes in twenty five minutes</li> <li>• Give up scraping-wash other potatoes and put in the stew without peeling</li> <li>• Put all available vegetables and eggs in the stew</li> <li>• Montmorency watches them keenly-comes with a dead rat to be added to the stew</li> <li>• Harris willing to put dead rat-George objects</li> <li>• Finally stew is a success-author finds it very tasty and nutritious</li> </ul>	5
15 (B)	<p><b>Value points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has a sharp understanding of men and situations</li> <li>• His innocent looks conceal his ferocious nature</li> <li>• Has his own likes and dislikes-is not in the favour of the trip at first-at the end also is happy when the friends decide to go back by train</li> <li>• Likes to pick quarrel with other dogs-enjoys at Oxford because has many dogs to fight with</li> </ul>	5

- Has a habit of poking nose in the affair of others-comes with a dead rat while Irish stew is being prepared
- Troubles George when he plays Banjo-keeps howling
- Adds to the humour of the story-incident with the large black Tom and fight with the kettle

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